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To: Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Renewable Resources and Fire

Subject: Policy Change for Timber and Special Forest Product Volume
Measurements

Washington Office (WO) Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. 2004-154 rescinded the requirement to offer and sell all timber sales under the National Cubic Foot Rule volume determination methodology.

This rescission allows states to set local protocols for volume determination and units of measure. For Colorado the requirement to offer and sell timber sales in Hundred Cubic Feet (Ccf) and to simultaneously show the volume of those offers in Thousand Board Feet (Mbf) is also rescinded. Field Offices are directed to use the volume determination method by tree cruise, log scale, weight, or other form of measurement that best meets your local public needs while ensuring that the Bureau of Land Management receives the fair market value for the product being offered. The volume determination method selected may change as local markets change or as quality and quantity of the materials being offered changes. Regardless of the volume determination method selected, all field offices will maintain capacity to report timber sales and convertible product volumes in board feet. This will meet Performance Measure reporting requirements and provide a common base for planning efforts.

The reporting requirements in the Timber Sale Information System (TSIS) are not affected by this policy change. Volumes for timber sales may still be entered in Ccf or Mbf. Sales offered and sold by weight or other measurement will still need their local conversion factor back to Mbf in order to be entered into TSIS.

If you have any questions pertaining to this policy change, contact Dick Watson at 970-244-3048.

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